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A WASHER OR LID DEFINED BY A TEMPERED  
GLASS PANEL BORDERED BY AN OPEN FRAME-LIKE  
ENCAPSULATION OF ONE-PIECE INJECTION MOLDED  
POLYMERIC/COPOLYMERIC SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MATERIAL

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**RESPONSE AND AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION**

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the payment of the issue and publication fees  
and responsive to the Examiner's requirement in the November 22, 2005  
Notice of Allowability (page 3, first full paragraph), Applicant herewith  
affirms the earlier oral election, absent traverse, to prosecute the invention  
of Group I, namely, Claims 40-47, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 and 66.

Respectfully submitted,

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